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MINUTES

OF THE

ELEVENTH ANNUAL SESSION

OF THE

Roaring River Baptist Association,

CONVENED WITH

COOL SPRING CHURCH,

WILKES COUNTY, N. C.,

On the 9th and 10th days of October, 1857.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 9TH, 1857.

1st. The introductory sermon was delivered by Elder JOSHUA LONG, from 10th chapter of John, the 27th and 28th verses:—"My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me; and I give unto them eternal life; they shall never perish, neither shall any man pluck them out of my hand."

2nd. After a short intermission, the delegates assembled at the Meeting-House, and were called to order by singing and prayer.

3rd. Received and read letters from all the churches in our Association, from which the annexed table was prepared.

4th. Organized the Association by appointing Elder TOBIAS LONG, *Moderator*, and LEWIS SEBASTIAN, *Clerk*.

5th. Then, on motion, called for corresponding messengers from the sister Associations, and the following were received: From the Mountain Association, Elders George Douglass and Enoch Reves. From the Senter Association, Elder Tarlton Wooddee and brother Reason Jones, all of whom produced letters with a parcel of their Minutes, received the right hand of fellowship, and took seats with us and aided in council.

6th. On motion, invited transient preachers to seats with us: S. D. Swaim, W. F. Adams, and W. H. Pardue, accepted the invitation and seated with us.

7th. On motion, the Moderator appointed John R. Long and William Walker, with the delegates of Cool Spring Church, a committee to appoint preachers to occupy the stage on to-morrow, who reported, 1st, George Douglass, 2nd, William Hall, 3rd, Enoch Reves, 4th, Reason Jones.

8th. Called on corresponding messengers of last year, who reported and were discharged.

9th. Appointed a Committee of Arrangement, consisting of John Owens, Joshua Long, A. J. Dancy, Ambrose J. Roberts and Reuben Sparks, with the Moderator and Clerk, and invited corresponding messengers to sit with them.

10th. On motion, adjourned until to-morrow morning, 10 o'clock. Prayer by Elder John Owens.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 10TH, 1857.

Met according to adjournment. After prayer by the Moderator, proceeded to business.

1st. Read the report of the Committee of Arrangement.

2nd. Names of delegates called.

3rd. Read the Constitution and Rules of Decorum.

4th. Appointed John M. Southard, William Walker and Wm. Shoumate, a Committee of Finance. And the committee reported that they received in contributions from the churches $14 95; distributed to corresponding messengers $3 95; allowed the Clerk $3 for his services; leaving in the hands of the treasurer $8 00 to defray the expenses of printing Minutes, &c.

5th. Appointed A. J. Roberts, Austin Gentrey, John M. Southard, John R. Long and William Walker, a committee to appoint corresponding messengers to sister associations; who appointed Elders Tobias Long, John Owens, and Reuben Sparks, to the Senter; and Joshua Long, A. J. Dancy, and William Hall to the Mountain.

6th. On motion, the Clerk appointed Elders Tobias Long to write the corresponding letter to the Senter Association, and Joshua Long to write to the Mountain Association.

7th. Then, on motion, appointed Union Meetings as follows: one with the Mount Zion Church, to commence on the 1st Saturday in July next; Elders John Owens, Joshua Long, and A. J. Dancy, to attend. One with Zion Hill Church, on the 3rd Saturday in August next; Elders John Owens, Joshua Long, and William Hall to attend.

8th. Then appointed John R. Long, William Walker, John

M. Southard, A. J. Roberts, and Austin Gentrey, a committee to appoint preachers for Sabbath, who reported as follows: 1st Joshua Long; 2nd, Enoch Reves; 3rd, John Owens; 4th, George Douglass.

9th. Appointed our next Association to be held with the Woodruff Church, Ashe County, N. C., 6 miles North of Trap Hill, to commence on Friday before the 2nd Lord's-Day in October, 1858. Elder Tobias Long to preach the introductory sermon; William Hall his alternate.

10th. Ordered that the Clerk be appointed Treasurer, and superintend the printing of the Minutes, and have 500 copies struck, and distribute them as heretofore.

11th. *Resolved*, That the thanks of the Association be tendered to the brethren and friends of this vicinity, for their kindness and hospitality to us during our session.

12th. After admonition and prayer by William Garner, adjourned to the time and place appointed.

TOBIAS LONG, *Moderator.*

L. SEBASTIAN, *Clerk.*

LORD'S DAY.

The services of the day were opened by Elder S. D. Swaim, by singing and prayer. The stand was then occupied by those appointed, except Elder John Owens. Elder Joshua Long preached from Revelations the 22nd chap., 1st and 2nd verses; "And he showed me a pure river of water of life, clear as crystal, proceeding out of the throne of God and of the Lamb. In the midst of the street of it, and on either side of the river, was there the tree of life, which bear twelve manner of fruits, and yielded her fruit every month; and the leaves of the tree were for the healing of the nations." Elder Enoch Reves, from 3rd chapter of 1st Epistle of John, and 1st verse: "Behold what manner of love the Father hath bestowed upon us that we should be called the sons of God." Elder George Douglass from the 4th chapter of 1st Peter and 18th verse: "And if the righteous scarcely be saved, where shall the ungodly and the sinner appear."

The laboring brethren seemed to be greatly desirous for the welfare of sinners, and we believe great and lasting good has been done and will be realized in vast eternity.

L. SEBASTIAN, *Clerk.*

STATE OF THE CHURCHES.

CHURCHES.	COUNTIES	POST OFFICES.	DELEGATES.	Baptized.....	Rec. by Let.	Restored.....	Dis. by Lett.	Excluded....	Deceased....	Total.....	Contribut'ns
Cool Spring,	Wilkes,	Elkin,	A. J. Roberts, A. Gentrey, J. M. Southard,	4			1		4	55	$1 35
Cross Road,	"	Hay Meadow,	G. Wyatte, L. Sebastian, A. J. Abshire,	8	3		1			46	1 50
Double Creek,	"	Trap Hill,	J. Alexander, Wm. Caudill, S. J. Gambill,							36	75
Mulberry,	"	Hay Meadow,	D. Tinsley, J. S. Owens, W. Abshire,	5	3				1	87	1 50
Meadow Fork,	Ashe,	Laurel Spring,	J. Long, J. R. Long, H. G. Stamper,				2			28	80
Mount Zion,	Wilkes,	Mulberry,	T. Long, S. J. Gambill, J. W. Kelby,				2			43	1 00
New Covenant,	"	Hay Meadow,	William Walker,			1				57	1 00
Rock Spring, W.,	"	Mulberry,	J. Owens, W. Hall, W. Shoumate,				5	1	2	58	1 25
Rock Spring, S.,	Surry,	Elkin,	Thomas Stanley, A. Phillips,							26	55
Rachel,	Wilkes,	Hay Meadow,	B. Byrd, L. Corthin, Joel Brewer,	6	4	1	3		1	50	50
Roaring River,	"	Trap Hill,	W. Caudill, D. Brown, W. R. Sparks,	3			4		1	85	1 00
White Oak,	"	Roaring Gap,	W. J. Combs, J. Caudill, J. H. Gentrey,							25	75
Woodruff,	Ashe,	"	Reuben Sparks,							38	1 50
Zion Hill,	Wilkes,	Church Store,	A. J. Dancey, J. G. Wyatte, A. Wyatte,	3					1	33	1 50
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